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4 men face charges in gun shop thefts

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Four men are now facing charges in smash and grab robberies at two separate gun shops Sept. 11 and 12. Two of the men were identified by an acquaintance seeking the $20,000 reward offered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in the incidents. Two others were reportedly arrested following a social media post displaying an array of the stolen weapons, according to authorities.

Charges are being sought against the men in connection to the theft of 76 guns from gun shops in Westland and Dearborn Heights. The first robbery occurred at about 4:31 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Freedom Holster Gun Shop on South Wayne Road in Westland. Thieves drove a stolen Kia SUV through the metal security shutters covering the front entrance to the building, rushed inside and grabbed about 50 long guns and handguns before fleeing. Surveillance video showed several men wearing masks and gloves while in the store for less than one minute.

That incident was followed at 5:04 a.m. the same day when thieves crashed a stolen Dodge Journey into the front of CC Coins Jewelry and Loan on West Warren in Dearborn Heights. In this incident, surveillance cameras caught three individuals wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks while taking 22 guns from the store. The same shop was broken into a second time at about 12:15 a.m. Sept. 12 when thieves crashed a stolen Chevrolet Equinox into the entrance and left with multiple firearms, according to police reports.

Keondrick Rayford, one of the men now facing multiple federal charges, went to the home of an acquaintance in Westland and showed him a backpack loaded with guns, according to statements given to police. The man he visited told Westland investigators that he wanted to cooperate in response to the $20,000 reward offered by the ATF. He said he also recognized the clothing Rayford was wearing from the surveillance video shown on TV.

The witness told police that Rayford had texted him confirming the robberies and suggested a possible sale of the weapons, according to court filings. The owner of CC Coins Jewelry and Loan confirmed that a photo of a handgun that Rayford sent to the witness

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A 'Mazing'

Annual Corn Maze now open at Maybury Farm

Autumn has officially arrived and with it the opening of popular Maybury Farm Corn Maze.

The 10-acre maze opened to the public earlier this month and will continue to entertain and bewilder visitors until Oct. 30. This year, advance tickets will be available for the maze although, as usual, reservations are not required.

Maybury officials said the maze this year promises to be one of the best with 10 acres of thick, lush corn that features a brand-new design created by the Ford IT Design Group. The design will present a challenge to adults and children both, a Maybury spokesman said, and will again this year include a scavenger hunt.

A 1-acre mini-maze, part of the 10-acre field, will take an estimated to 20 minutes to complete for those who are not brave enough for the larger challenge. Organizers said it will take about an hour to an hour and a half to complete the larger maze this year. For those looking for something even more challenging, the maze can be even more difficult under moonlight. For those brave enough, the maze will be open after dark on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday evenings. The last wagon leaves for the maze about one hour before closing.

The maze is sponsored this year by Community Financial Credit Union, Blackwell Ford, and GEM Asset Management.

When visitors have found their way through the maze, they can visit the Maybury Farm General Store to enjoy fresh Parmenter's cider and donuts, along with other treats and gifts available for purchase.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 5 until 8 p.m. Fridays; from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sundays. Admission to the corn maze is $13 per person and includes a tractor-drawn wagon ride to the maze, where visitors can enjoy the peace of the farm. Children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost. Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation. This fundraiser helps raise funds to feed the animals and support the work of the farm. The mission of Maybury Farm is to connect the community to animals and agriculture.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, one-half mile west of Maybury State Park. Visitors should enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not the state park entrance. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.maybury-farm.org.

Romulus wins $1.548 million in federal fire funding

The City of Romulus Fire Department has been awarded funding to hire six new firefighters from the Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program.

Romulus will receive $1,548,799 to fund the six new firefighters on the department. This is the second such grant awarded to the community, according to Romulus Director of Community Safety and Development Kevin Krause.

"The Romulus Fire Department is honored to again be selected to receive a FEMA SAFER Grant in 2022," Krause said in a prepared statement. "Previously, the department leveraged its SAFER grant to increase safety performance and enhance services by re-opening a second station in Romulus' Hotel District to reduce response times to an area of the city where most of the travel industry support businesses are located.

"In 2021, our firefighters began offering Advanced Life Support services also as a result of the SAFER Grant. These accomplishments are part of the departmental goal to become and Accredited Agency with the Center for Public Safety Excellence; to be recognized as a community-focused, strategic-minded department that is properly equipped, trained and staffed," he added.

The grant award was announced last week by U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

"Thank you to our legislators who believe in our mission and fight for us to get these much needed funds for the safety of our residents and others who work and play in Romulus," Krause said.

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight was also pleased with the grant announcement, particularly in light of the rapid development growth in the city.

"The City of Romulus is thankful to be chosen as a 2022 SAFER Recipient. The rate of residential and commercial

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Romulus

Goodfellows group hosts Witches Night Out

As the Halloween holiday approaches, members of the Romulus Goodfellows are thinking about Christmas.

This year the club is organizing the first Witches Night Out in the community as an effort to help fund the annual No Child Without A Christmas campaign.

Witches Night Out is mid-week event that has exploded in popularity across the country during the past few years. The event has a huge following in several states where it has become a destination event drawing people from surrounding areas to attend the event. Attendees attend the event dressed as witches and warlocks and enjoy an evening of Halloween-themed entertainment.

In Romulus, the event is set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 West Huron River Dr. The evening will include contests for the best witch, hat and broom; 50-50 raffles along with food and non-alcoholic beverages. Witch attire is highly recommended.

The cost for the event is $30 per witch and the event is limited to those 21 years of age or older, organizers said.

No Child Without a Christmas has been a project of Goodfellows' organizations and their supporters for nearly a hundred years. Through their efforts, they have given the gift of a joyous Christmas to thousands of families with children, many of whom would not have had anything on their table or under the tree without the Goodfellows organizations. Romulus Goodfellows, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions made are tax-deductible.

For tickets or information, contact the Goodfellows at (734) 322-7680 or romulus-goodfellows@gmail.com.

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Scarecrow entries are sought

Romulus residents have only until Oct. 3 to complete their entries into the downtown Romulus Scarecrow Contest.

The popular event, which began in the community in 2015, draws more entries each year, organizers said. Entries can be submitted by residents, organizations, businesses, clubs, civic groups and just about anyone interested in brightening up downtown and welcoming fall to the city. The scarecrows will be placed in the downtown Romulus corridor from Oct. 3 through Nov. 4.

Participants must pre-register for entry as space for scarecrows is limited. Registration is available in person at Romulus City Hall during regular business hours or submitted via email to Community Services. There is no fee for entering the contest.

All scarecrows must be designed so they will stand upright and entries must include any materials necessary to display the scarecrow in an upright manner. Commercially made scarecrows are not eligible for entry. Frames for scarecrow entries, measuring 6-feet by 3-feet are available for a $5 fee from the Community Development office at Romulus City Hall. The frames are in limited supply and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Organizers said scarecrow entries must be in good taste and appropriate for viewing by the public and families. No adult, political or religious themed entries will be accepted and frightening, scary, violent, gruesome, or bloody entries are also prohibited.

For more information, call (734) 942-7545 or visit romulusgov.com.

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development in the City of Romulus, creates challenges to meet the current and future emergency first response needs of the community," McCraight said.

"The funding for an additional six firefighters will afford our administration the opportunity to proceed with plans to enhance response times across the city and support the efforts of our dedicated men and women of the Romulus Fire Department. We are eager to once again partner with FEMA in utilizing this award to permanently grow our response capabilities and thank our representatives in Washington and in Lansing for their continued support of our efforts," said McCraight.

The City of Dearborn was also awarded funding for the hiring of 12 firefighters in that community.

"Our firefighters put their lives on the line to protect our families, homes, and communities," said Stabenow.

"These new resources will help the Dearborn and Romulus Fire Departments make sure there is always someone there to answer the call in an emergency."

"It's important that our fire departments have the resources to maintain and hire personnel to continue serving their communities effectively," said Peters, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "I'm pleased to welcome this federal grant that will enable fire departments in Dearborn and Romulus to hire additional firefighters to support their operations."

More information about these grants can be found at: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer#awards.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
STATE GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022. Any qualified elector of the City of Romulus who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; a Secretary of State Branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 24, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Romulus City Clerk's office, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot: Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Representative in Congress (District 13), State Senator (District 4), Representative in State Legislature (District 26) for Precincts 1,3,5,6,7,8,9, & 10, Representative in State Legislature (District 29) for Precincts 2 & 4, Representative in State Legislature (District 31) for Precincts 11 & 12, State Board of Education Member, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, County Executive, County Sheriff (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024), County Commissioner (District 11), Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals - 1st Division (Incumbent Position), Judge of Court of Appeals - 1st Division (Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027), Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit (Incumbent Position), Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit (Non-Incumbent Position), Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit (Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027), Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit (New Judgeship 6 Year Term), Judge of Probate Court (Incumbent Position), Judge of Probate Court (Non-Incumbent Position), Judge of District Court - 34th District (Incumbent Position), Board Members Romulus Community School District for Precincts 1,2,3,4R,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, Board Members Woodhaven-Brownstown School District for Precinct 4WB, Board Members Wayne-Westland Community School District for Precinct 6

The following proposals will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSAL 22-1
A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature

This proposed constitutional amendment would:
Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, include assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreement, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations; Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements; and Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.
Should this proposal be adopted? [ ] Yes [ ] No

PROPOSAL 22-2
A Proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:
Recognized fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct; Require military or overseas ballots to be counted if postmarked by election day; Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement; Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections; Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots; Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits; Require nine days of early in-person voting; Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed; and Require canvass boards certify elections results based only on the official records of votes cast.
Should this proposal be adopted? [ ] Yes [ ] No

PROPOSAL 22-3
A Proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecute of individuals exercising established rights

This proposed constitutional amendment would:
Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management and infertility; Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health; Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual for exercising rights established by this amendment; and Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.
Should this amendment be adopted? [ ] Yes [ ] No

WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE
If approved, this proposal will renew the 0.9949 Mill levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority for the years 2022 through 2025 and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled, and general public of Wayne County. For the purpose of providing funds in support of public transportation serving the elderly, disabled, and general public, shall 0.9949 Mill on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transit Authority area, be imposed for a period of four (4) years, being years 2022 through 2025? Based on the known taxable value of $20,303,162,481 from the current 2022 tax year, this millage would raise approximately $20,199,616.35 in the first year. [ ] Yes [ ] No

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL
(For Precinct 6 Only)
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill ($1.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2023 is approximately $2,205,858? [ ] Yes [ ] No

PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in the City of Romulus must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 17 ½ years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the City of Romulus (MCL 168.492).

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's office.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, MiPMC, CMC
City Clerk
City of Romulus

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Canton - Wayne

New rental housing project is proposed

Neighbors near Geddes and Denton Road in Canton Township may be getting about 500 or so new neighbors over the next few years.

A 449-rental property development received preliminary plan approval from members of the township planning commission earlier this month. The plan will face several other reviews both planning commissioners and members of the township board of trustees prior to any project approval.

> *Rental on the 1,400 square foot home would be about $2,380.*

The plan includes single-family homes on the 224-acre property comprising 342 detached houses and 107 attached units. The development will offer a clubhouse, pool, dog park, splash pad, basketball court and playground, according to plans for the proposed Creekview Landing project.

Rental on the 1,400 square foot home would be about $2,380, according to a representative from Sunrise Land Group. The largest rental units would be 1,900 square feet. The property would be developed and the homes constructed during the next three to four years by Sunrise Land Group and then owned and managed by Sun Communities, Inc., a real estate investment trust which manages and maintains various rental properties across the country and overseas.

The developer told the planning commissioners that the plan includes a large area of open space and that much of the wooded and wetland areas at the site would remain intact. The development would require the addition of right and left turn lanes at entrances to the project, one on Denton Road and two on Geddes.

While commissioners expressed some concerns regarding added traffic in the area, the preliminary development district plan was unanimously approved.

Special day

Wayne police officers, including therapy dog Zeke, helped a young resident celebrate her 11th birthday last week. Abbigail Custer, who is battling debilitating cancer, hopes to become a police officer when she grows up. Her mother contacted the department to see if Abbigail might be able to visit headquarters on her special day. Police Sgt. Kyle Talmadge, along with family members, helped organize Abbigail's visit. She started her day with a ride to school in a police vehicle and after classes, enjoyed pizza, birthday cake and a tour of the station, including a long visit with Zeke. Police Chief Ryan Strong let Abbi know that he will be looking for her job application in about 10 years.

Guided art walk planned

Registrations are now being accepted for a special tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out exhibition in Canton Township.

The free tour, guided by a docent from the DIA, will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 8 with three of the reproductions currently on exhibit in Cherry Hill Village. The tour will begin with cider and donuts at the Preservation Park Pavilion, located at 500 North Ridge Road. The docent will then lead the walking tour which will include three of the masterpiece paintings on exhibit in the township. Participants can then visit the Village Arts Factory for a short tour to learn about the multipurpose studio space where artists can collaborate, create, and display their works.

The morning will conclude with a tour of the 28th Fine Arts Exhibition at the Gallery at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The tour is a cooperative effort of the DIA and Canton Leisure Services.

Pre-registration is required for this free event which is open to the public. In the event of rain, the event will take place Saturday, Oct. 22. Register online at www.cantonfun.org/register with code: VT1008 or call 734/394-5300 x 1305. To learn more about the current DIA Inside|Out program display in Canton through Nov.22 or the docent-led walk, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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Northville

Veteran police officer retires from township

Northville Township Police Sgt. David Roberts retired Sept. 16, after a 27-year law enforcement career, 22 of them with Northville Township.

Roberts' professional highlights include rescuing a lost horse walking down Ridge and Seven Mile roads, training police departments across Michigan about people with autism and winning back-to-back awards for spotting drunken drivers on the roadways.

Roberts' stellar career with Northville Township began even before he became an officer. At age 19, he was a decoy, assisting the police department as it clamped down on underage sales of alcohol in the township. Back then, he recalled, the detective bureau was housed in a trailer parked outside public safety headquarters.

> "I'm very much a guardian of helping and assisting others."

Roberts returned to Northville after beginning his law enforcement career in 1995 as a deputy with the Wayne County Sheriff's office. During that time, Roberts was assigned to the corrections division, as well as the sheriff's detachment at Metro Airport.

Roberts was hired by the Northville Township Police Department as a patrol officer in 2000. While assigned to the patrol division, he served as one of the department field training officers, responsible for training several new officers over the years.

"I watched the township as it was on the cusp of growth and it exploded, going from cows to concrete, if you will," he said.

Those cows played a role in helping him find the owner of a wayward horse wandering Ridge Road. "I didn't know where to put it. I knew Mr. George who owned a farm with cows at Six Mile Road, and so I walked the horse about a mile with a squad car falling behind me," Roberts said. George kept the horse on his farm overnight until the rightful owner noticed a horse missing, and came to claim it.

Roberts is also credited with saving several lives while on the midnight shift with the department. He quickly learned to recognize the signs of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) gave him "lifesaver" awards two consecutive years for the high number of intoxicated people he stopped before they caused an injury or fatal accident.

Sgt. David Roberts

NorthvilleTownship Police Sgt. David Roberts marked the last day of his career with the department. Sept. 16 after 27 years in law enforcement, 22 with Northville Township.

Roberts spent several years assigned to task forces through the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Michigan State Police task force Western Wayne Community Response team, during which he handled several major investigations and participated in hundreds of arrests of individuals responsible for felony crimes. After being promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2015, Roberts served as a patrol supervisor and also spent time as the supervisor in charge of the department detective bureau.

Roberts' legacy at Northville Township also includes founding the department Honor Guard Unit, which participates in community events and pays respect to fallen officers. He also used his personal experience as a father of a non-verbal autistic child to develop and enhance the department autism profile program. He provided critical information to officers who responded to calls involving missing vulnerable adults or individuals with autism. His expertise has been shared with other agencies across Michigan.

"He always took the extra time, using his own personal experience, to try and help the families of those with special needs come up with ideas on how to improve the lives and safety of their loved ones," said Northville Township Police Chief Scott Hilden.

Roberts is not finished helping others. His main motivation for retiring is teaching his nonverbal autistic son to communicate. He wants Blake, 18, to be able to ask for help if he ever needs it, he said.

"I'm drawn to helping people," he added.

Roberts said he will also will spend more time with daughter Molly, 19, son Brody, 13, and his fianceé, Barbara Springer.

"I'm very much a guardian of helping and assisting others," he said.

Northville names new Senior Services leader

Lindsay Boujoulian has joined the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation, a shared service of the city and Northville Township, as the new Senior Services Supervisor.

Boujoulian interned with the department while she completed her degree in gerontology at Western Michigan University.

She previously served as director of marketing at Waltonwood of Cherry Hill and Carriage Park in Canton Township and as lifestyle programs director at Brookdale Living in Southfield.

Her experience in planning events, following a budget, managing and coordinating staff and volunteers, reaching out to community resources to enrich programs and creating a trusting, caring environment for families and residents will help in her new position in Northville, officials said in a prepared statement.

Boujoulian was an event coordinator for six Marriott resorts in Hilton Head, SC. One of the events she didn't plan but helped coordinate was the evacuation of 6,000 guests when Hurricane Floyd struck the area.

Lindsay Boujoulian

Most recently, she was a paraprofessional for both the Northville Community School District and Novi Community Schools. It was a position that allowed flexibility while raising a family and giving her experience working with another special population, she said.

Boujoulian is familiar with the intricacies of working with a municipality as she was also previously employed by Farmington Hills, where she developed marketing strategies, secured donations, booked entertainment, administered the budget and managed a staff of 35.

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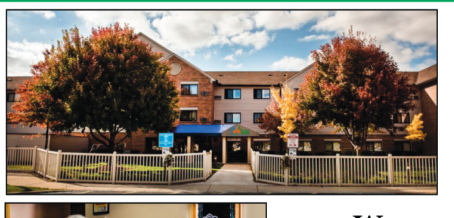
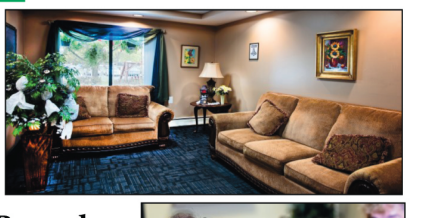

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'Murder Under The Bus'

Former newspaper publisher to sign copies of new novel

Former newspaper publisher W. Edward Wendover will be signing copies of his latest mystery in The Prepositional Murders series from 7 until 9 p.m. Oct. 4 at E.G. Nick's restaurant in Plymouth.

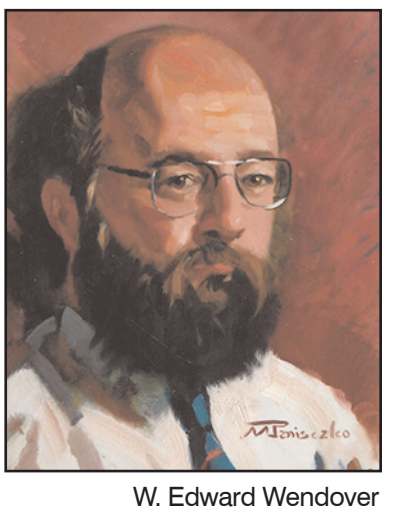
Wendover said the latest novel, Murder Under The Bus, is a satirical look back in time as homicide ruins an otherwise peaceful rock concert. Set in a Florida Airstream village, the plot twists and turns as the police beat reporter from a fictionalized Havana Herald local newspaper investigates the deaths of heirs to an oil company fortune. Much of the story is presented as news stories written by the reporter.

"This modern-day example of community journalism serving an historic town typifies how American newspapers are needed to tell the news," Wendover said.

Wendover, retired from a long career as the publisher of The Plymouth Crier, writes while traveling full time across the county in "The Big Blue Bus." This novel, he said, was written for the Florida Airstream Club Winter Rally in December 2021 and was performed there as improvisational theater by members of the club. Other club members attempted to solve the mystery in an effort to raise donations for a local charity. The name of the sole correct "detective" was used for a character in the book, Wendover said.

Just as in Wendover's four previous mysteries, recipes and food notes help serve up clues, he said, including 26 recipes for items such as cast-iron pie baking, grilled Apalachicola oysters, Yorkshire Buck and chicharrones.

Previous novels in the series include Murder At The Penniman Deli; Murder By Lansing Kool-Aid; Murder On Fogo Island and Murder Over To Mary's Fish Camp. All can be ordered at www.PrepositionalMurders.com or by mail from Greko Printing, 260 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 48170. The books vary in price but the first three can be ordered for $30. Murder Under The Bus is priced at $14.99, plus $8 in shipping and handling.



W. Edward Wendover

The book will be on sale during the author's signing next Tuesday. E.G. Nick's is located at 500 Forest Ave. in Plymouth.

New best friends

The City of Inkster welcomed new Animal Control Officer Angie Potter last month. In her first weeks on the job Potter, with more than 20 years of rescue experience and animal education, has demonstrated her commitment to the animals in Inkster and eagerness to educate and assist pet owners, police officials said. Potter has already saved and rehomed seven stray dogs and assisted with the rescue of a baby deer, a raccoon and an injured hawk in the city. In addition, the new officer saved a dog with a bone lodged in its throat, rescued and saved a puppy with Parvo and saved a dog on the verge of death with a bucket stuck on its head. She also saved a dog trapped under a downed tree during the last storm in the city. Officials said Potter has resources available to city pet owners and is planning a low cost vaccine event next spring.

Health workshops set

Free workshops to help residents experiencing chronic pain are planned in Inkster.

The Chronic Pain PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshops are returning to an in-person format beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) at no cost to participants, the six-week workshop features a certified facilitator working with a small group to explore skills and tools to help people become more successful at managing pain and leading healthier, more enjoyable lives.

Session topics include myths about pain, techniques to combat symptoms, working effectively with family and health care providers, and more. The workshop is open to all residents in Michigan and caregivers are welcome. An information session is planned at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 and classes are set for 3:30 until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12. New participants can join through Wednesday, Oct. 19. Sessions will take place Oct. 12, 19 and 26 and Nov. 2, 9 and 16. All classes will take place at Western Wayne Family Health Center, 2700 Hamlin Blvd., Inkster.

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Sumpter - Westland

Township manager can add to meeting agenda

Sumpter Township Manager Anthony Burdick will now have the ability to place items on the agenda of the board of trustees meeting.

A motion to make the change was approved by the trustees during the Sept. 13 meeting with Trustee Peggy Morgan casting the lone no vote.

Burdick suggested the change, he said, in an effort to make some necessary board considerations and actions more efficient. Previously, only the board members could have an item placed on the agenda for either study sessions or regular meetings. Burdick explained that in some cases this delayed consideration of an issue until the next meeting, which in some cases could be as long as two weeks.

"I'd like to have the opportunity to present things that have to do with policy, personnel manual and other things that are coming up that the board will be seeing beginning with the next board meeting," Burdick explained. He said having the ability to place items on the agenda for consideration or discussion by the board could provide more complete information and background.

His suggestion was criticized by Morgan who suggested going back to the "way it was where you get the agenda on Thursday and have Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and some of Tuesday to look at it and make a decision. If you have questions, call somebody and ask them about the agenda item. I think this is really confusing."

> *Trustee Don LaPorte said that he appreciates receiving information regarding agenda items beforehand.*

Burdick reiterated that the proposed change was simply an effort to ensure that the board members had the correct background and information regarding agenda items, "so that questions board members may have or departments or directions who also receive the agenda have the information they need to consider well before the board meeting."

Trustee Don LaPorte said that he appreciates receiving information regarding agenda items beforehand. "I don't like stuff added at the meeting. It makes it incredibly tough to make a good decision or have all the facts because even though you think you have all the facts, when you go home you think, 'Oh, man, I should have asked about this or that.'"

LaPorte said he had no objection to allowing Burdick to add agenda items "as long as I can see it far enough in advance."

Trustee Matt Oddy asked attorney Rob Young if the board would be acting in opposition to board action or resolutions of a previous adminstrations. Young assured him the current board members were not obligated to follow resolutions of previous boards. He added that Burdick's suggestion did not violate any state statutes.

The motion was approved by trustees 4-1 vote with Township Clerk Esther Hurst and Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush absent from the meeting.

Robberies

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appeared to have been stolen from his store.

Agents from the ATF arrested Rayford and his brother, Kendrick Rayford, on Sept. 13, and according to police Keondrick Rayford admitted to the thefts. His brother, Kendrick Rayford, told police that he did not participate in the robberies, although he did admit, police said, that he knew the guns shown to him by his brother were stolen. He also admitted he tried to help his brother sell the stolen firearms, according to police.

Authorities were alerted to a social media post Sept. 16 which clearly showed a man holding an AK-style weapon along with another photo displaying numerous weapons matching the description of those stolen in the Westland robbery, according to reports. Agents from the ATF then searched a home on Forrer Street in Detroit. During a search of the home, agents found one gun on a dresser and six guns split between two backpacks. Some guns had altered serial numbers, and four of them matched those reported stolen in the robberies.

As a result of the search warrant, Brandon Carter and Damond "Turk" Jordan Jr. were named in criminal complaints that were unsealed Sept. 16. Carter, who is accused of acting as a getaway driver for the CC Coins Jewelry and Loan robbery, reportedly admitted to being at both of the crimes at the pawn shop, according to the criminal complaint. His brother, Damond "Turk" Jordan Jr., was also arrested and accused of helping sell the stolen guns.

Keondrick Rayford has been charged in a criminal complaint with theft of firearms from a federal firearms licensee and knowingly possessing stolen firearms. ATF authorities said they also believe there is probable cause to charge Kendrick Rayford with knowingly possessing stolen firearms.

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Charity hockey game is planned

Members of the Westland Police Department will face off against players from the Fire Department in a charity hockey game set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena in the city. The charity game, dubbed Handcuffs & Hoses, is an effort to generate funds for the Westland Police community Partnership Foundation and the Westland Professional Fire Fighters Charity Foundation. The winners will be able to display the coveted Battle of the Badges trophy. Those who attend the game are asked to bring new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Westland Goodfellows. In addition to the game, there will be raffle baskets, Chuck a Puck, a 50/50 raffle and other entertainment. Save the date, organizers said, ticket information will be coming soon. The arena is located at 6210 Wildwood, in Westland.

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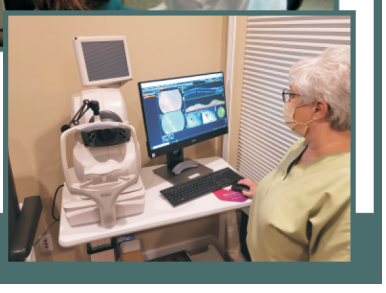

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